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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Daily Tribune: [U.S.] Supreme Court considers major changes in public employees unions

"The [U.S.] Supreme Court on Monday debated what one liberal justice said would be a "radical" restructuring of organized labor by prohibiting states from requiring public employees to pay fees to the unions that represent them."

Full story

MLW Blog: Midland attorney to head statewide youth program

"Midland attorney Angela M. Cole has been appointed director of the Michigan School-Justice Partnership, a statewide effort aimed at reducing delinquency by keeping youths in school. The appointment comes after a \$100,000 grant to Midland-based Legacy Center for Community Success by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, it was first announced in the Midland Daily News. The Partnership grew out of a recent summit that included Gov. Rick Snyder, Michigan Supreme Court Justices Mary Beth Kelly and Bridget M. McCormack, Department of Human Services Director Maura Corrigan and Department of Education Superintendent Michael Flanagan and participants from 73 counties."

Full story

MLW Blog: Saying 'cheese' with the chief justice

"So what happens when no one shows up to speak at a Michigan Supreme Court public administrative hearing? Hall of Justice visitors get an impromptu photo stint with the chief justice. The MSC had scheduled a Jan. 22, 2014, hearing for the public to present its views on pending changes to several court rules, including MCR 8.109, 8.111, 2.107, 2.117, and 2.510. (See, "Changes to how court proceedings are recorded, other rules set for discussion this week," MILW Blog, Jan. 20, 2014.) *Full story*

Oakland County Legal News: Local man released from prison sues defense lawyer

"An Oakland County man is suing his former lawyer after serving seven years in prison for a sexual assault conviction that was thrown out by the Michigan Supreme Court based on the attorney's poor performance."

Full story

Saline Reporter: Quarterly water and sewer bills on the rise for residents

".....Rates must also adhere to a number of other requirements such as a 1998 Michigan Supreme Court decision called the Bolt opinion, which provides guidance on calculating fair and equitable user fees."

Full story